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From: Neale, Anne
Sent: Fri 8/14/2015 6:01:20 PM
Subject: FW: remote sensing response to Gold King Mine spill into the Animas River

Hi Jennifer and Mike,

You may already have spoken to Blake or others but Taylor brings up a really great point about remote sensing capabilities.

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From: Jarnagin, Taylor
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Importance: High

Hi Annie,

I think this is an excellent candidate for the use of remote sensing with a multispectral or hyperspectral sensor to identify and map the sediments from the Gold King Mine spill into the Animas River.

Our local talent includes: Blake Schaeffer and Drew Pilant (both of whom could analyze imagery) and David J. Williams (who is working on putting together a sensor just for this type of occasion, unfortunately, I don't think that sensor has been fully tested and is operation right now). The Environmental Photographic Interpretation Center existed for exactly this sort of emergency response capability and to act as a liaison between the contractors who would fly and analyze the imagery and the Regions who had the boots on the ground and were directly responsible for the clean-up.

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